

## **FLYING OPERATIONS**

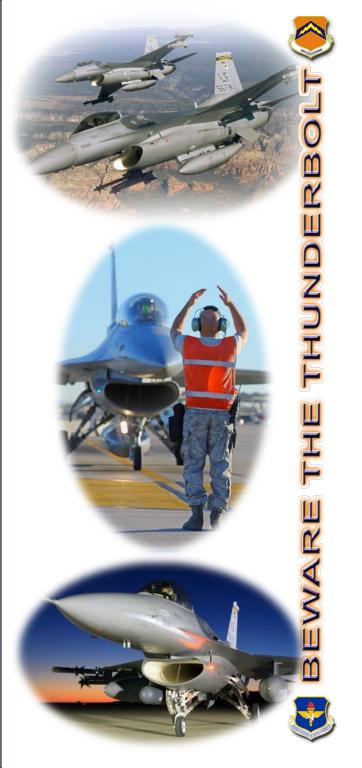
### **BARRY M. GOLDWATER RANGE**

- National treasure... highly flexible joint service training... realistic combat replications
- Air-to-air & air-to-ground training
- 57,000 cubic miles of airspace
- More than 76,000 operations annually
- Environmental stewards of Sonoran Desert

### **CRITICAL MISSION ELEMENTS**

- Ability to land & takeoff in either direction at Luke
- Ability to access Barry M. Goldwater Range
- Rlying practice instrument approaches at Aux 1
- Ability for "touch & goes" at Gila Bend Aux Field
- Access to & from Gladden/Bagdad Military
  Operating Areas
- Access to statewide military training routes





## LUKE AIR FORCE BASE



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Located west of Phoenix, Luke Air Force Base is home to the 56th Fighter Wing, the largest FW in the world and the Air Force's only active-duty F-16 training wing. The 56th FW has 138 aircraft and 28 squadrons. Luke also hosts two Air Force tenant units, Navy Operational Support Center Phoenix, a Marine Corps Reserve company, more than 5,617 military and civilian employees, and supports more than 70,000 family members and military retirees each year. The 56th FW wing also has stewardship of the 1.7 million acre Barry M. Goldwater Range.

### **56th FIGHTER WING MISSION**

Train the world's greatest F-16 fighter pilots while deploying mission-ready warfighters.

## **LUKE HISTORY**

Luke Air Force Base is named for the WWI flying ace and Phoenix native Lieutenant Frank Luke Jr., the first aviator to receive the Medal of Honor. Lieutenant Luke scored 18 aerial victories, 14 against German observation balloons, before being killed at the age of 21 on Sept. 29, 1918.

## LUKE SENIOR LEADERSHIP



Brigadier General
Michael D. Rothstein is
the 56th Fighter Wing
commander, Luke Air
Force Base, Ariz.
General Rothstein was
commissioned in 1988
as a distinguished
graduate of the U.S. Air
Force Academy. He is
an F-16 pilot with more
than 2,500 hours,

and has previously commanded the 57th Operations Support Squadron at Nellis AFB, Nev., and the 609th Air Operations Group at Shaw AFB, S.C. He also served as the Director of Operations and Plans, U.S. Air Forces Central at Shaw AFB, and Chief, Activities Synchronization, International Security Assistance Force Joint Command in Kabul, Afghanistan. Prior to his current assignment, he was the Commander, 35th Fighter Wing, Misawa Air Base, Japan.



Colonel Jeremy Sloane 56th Fighter Wing Vice Commander



Colonel John Hanna 56th Operations Group Commander



Colonel Victor Mora
56th Maintenance Group Commander



Colonel Nathan Mooney
56th Mission Support Group Commander



Colonel Yolanda Bledsoe 56th Medical Group Commander



Colonel Rodney Petithomme 54th Fighter Group Commander



Chief Master Sergeant John Mazza 56th Fighter Wing Command Chief

# KEY FACTS & FIGURES IN FISCAL YEAR 2013, LUKE:



Graduated 299 pilots



Produced 319 crew chiefs



Graduated 79 intelligence specialists



Flew 20,296 sorties



Totaled more than 28,391 flying hours



Deployed 369 Airmen



Volunteered 100,000 hours in community

## LUKE ECONOMIC IMPACT

\$ 653 Million
\$ 1.1 Billion
\$ 333 Million
\$ 2.17 Billion



## **LUKE MISSION HIGHLIGHTS**

## "IN THE NEWS"



Open House and Air Show "Lightning in the Desert" returns to Luke March 15 & 16



Luke selected as F-35 Joint Strike Fighter training site with six squadrons & 144 aircraft



F-35 facilities under construction: Academic Training Center, Operations Building 1

## **AIRCRAFT & GRADUATES**

Since 1983, Luke has trained pilots to fly the F-16 Fighting Falcon with more than 17,579 pilot graduates and 10,918 F-16 crew chiefs. Most F-16 combat pilots and maintainers currently in Afghanistan were trained at Luke. Since 1941, Luke has graduated more than 60,579 pilots. Luke trained aircrews in other weapon systems until 1994 that included:

Aircraft	Graduates
AT-6	14,127
P-40	2,814
P-3	280
P-51	685
F-84	6,930
F-86	123
F-100	3,451
A-7D	147
F-104	2,200
F-5	1,699
F-4	3,147
F-15A/E	4,200

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